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THE
REPRESENTATION
OF THE
Loyal Subjects
OF
ALBINIA

Quare P. C. secedant improbi, se-
cernant se a bonis, unum in lo-
cum congregentur, muro denique,
id quod saepe jam dixi, secernan-
tur a nobis. Tully.

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ject to the King of England
and the King of Scotland

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Representation, &c.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

THIS with the greatest Submission and
Respect, and the highest Resent-
ment of your Favours, we Your
Majesty's Loyal Subjects, return Your Ma-

jesty our most hearty Thanks, for the Measures, you are pleas'd to tell us, you have concerted, that may put an End in all Probability to a War, of so long Continuance, and so burthensome to your Subjects; as we do not question, but every Thing will be transacted for the Honour of Your Majesty, the Good and Welfare of Your People, and the Satisfaction of Your Allies.

'Tis also with the utmost Detestation and Abhorrence, we must exclaim against the Principles and Practices of a Set of Men among us, who, notwithstanding their Pretences to Loyalty, are obstinately bent against whatsoever Your Majesty shall say or do; who will neither rely upon Your Royal Word, repose any Confidence in Your Promises, nor trust Your Majesty with Your own Prerogative, *without Advice*.

These indeed, are Principles and Practices of so deep a Dye, so Infectious in their Nature and so Pernicious in their Consequences so detrimental to Government in general, and all the Laws and Rules of Society in particular, that it is but high Time to put an effectual Stop to their Increase, which if not seasonably prevented, may be the utter Ruine of Your Majesty and Kingdoms.

Has

Has ever any Prince stuck firmer to Her Alliances than Your Majesty has done, or Acted more for the Welfare and Prosperity of Her People, and has ever any Prince receiv'd such returns of Baseness and Ingratitude? Has ever any Prince been so Insulted by Foreigners and Domesticks, by Princes and Republicks, by Her own Subjects of the highest Rank and Quality, and Mechanicks of the meanest Birth and meanest Education, by Letters and Memorials, by Articles and Addresses, in Publick, in Private, even in Her own Closet and Retirement? Has not Your Majesty's Title been more than once deny'd, Your Prerogative disputed before Your Face, and has not the exerting of that Prerogative been declared an Arbitrary Proceeding?

What is it the Faction aim at? Whither would they run? Did they not advise a War without Reason, carry it on by Fraud and Cozenage, and wou'd they still sacrifice the Nation for the love of Gain, and Cheat us on without Mercy? Cannot they be contented without they Vote the War to be Eternal, and make us Miserable without End? Have they not made themselves Rich, by Impoverishing the Publick, and will their Avarice extend further? Cannot they be contented to sit still in their own Robberies?

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Cannot they be satisfied with the Wealth, the Grandeur, they possess, the gilded Chariots, and the gaudy Liveries that Triumph over the Poverty of those that they have Cheated? Good God! Can Posterity believe that there was ever any Sort of People upon Earth, so lost to every Thing that is Good and Honourable, to all the Duties they owe their Religion, their Sovereign, or their Native Country, who would involve them All into the most unheard of Calamities, for the Aggrandizing of a *Mercenary Family*, or an *Impotent Ally*; Posterity, we say, will scarce Believe any Thing so Base of us, or if they do, they'll curse the Stain of Infamy and Reproach that they Inherit; they'll Abjure their Fathers who begot them, and account it an Honour to be thought Bastards.

Were the Factian but against the Peace because they thought it dishonourable, because they thought it disadvantagious, they would deserve, perhaps, to be excus'd; they would deserve to be thought to blunder into the Right, and to be Honest only by Mistake. But they know it is impossible to obtain the Terms that they infist on, and for that very Reason they desire 'em. They know very well what insuperable Difficulties attend their Schemes, unless they have the Command

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mand of Providence at Will ; they know that the Nation must be ruin'd by the Continuance of the War, and that Tyranny it self cannot be more insupportable than the Taxes, and yet for all this, the War must be continu'd.

We appeal to the Conscience of any one, to the common Sense and Reason of Mankind, if a Peace, at this Time, can be believed unnecessary, or, that which they know nothing of, dishonourable. No, 'tis not the Peace they so much exclaim at, or despise, but 'tis their own Villanies and Mismanagements they are afraid of ; 'tis their Cheats and Impostures, their Forgeries and Crimes, of the most flagrant Nature, that will call for Justice, that will stir up Your faithful Commons to Impeach, Your Peers to condemn, and Your Majesty to punish. Has ever any Nation in the World been plunder'd to that degree by its Foreign Enemies, as Ours, by its own Natives ? How many Millions have been expended to no Purpose, how many more misapply'd, perverted and embezzled ? What a Number of Beggars brought in upon us, at a Time of Dearth and Scarcity, to the Ruine of our Liberty, and the Overturning of our Constitution ?

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These and othermeanours, *May it please Your Majesty,* are too scandalous, too notorious for us to mention, or Your Clemency to forgive; such as Words will never be able to express, or I cannot comprehend; such as, before this were never heard of, and Posterity will never parallel. It may be Mercy, perhaps, to grant an Highway-Man his Pardon; but to let Justice to deliver a Plunderer of the Publick, an universal Robber of his Country, to the severest Punishment.

We are oblig'd to we thank our G----l for his Victories and Triumphs, for the Sieges he has undertaken, and the *Hardships* he has underwent; and we have paid him largely *without Requisites*: And must not that Man be call'd to Account, who has been, perhaps, once fortunate; Must he be screen'd from Justice for the Sake of one good Action? Must it not be that by Chance has been serviceable to your Country, be free from Guilt, when he strives to ruin it on Purpose? Or shall the Embezzlement of Millions be brought off by a *Bla---m* or a *R----y*, by a Battle won, or an Opportunity that has been lost, by gaining a Frontier for an Ally, and doing nothing for your selves? Shall a Palace, exceeding any of Your Majesty's, Built out of the Spoils of the Commonwealth,

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wealth? Shall Ingratitude and Ill-Language to the best of Princes, the Prolongation of a War, or the stifling an advantagious Peace, be past over, unobserv'd? Shall such Things as these be took no Notice of under so just a Government? Shall they not disgorge, shall they not Refund their Pillage, or be accountable with their H--ds? Can any Prince or any Nation under Heaven, suffer tamely such Indignities to be put upon them?

Pardon us, *MADAM*, if our Expressions are suitable to our Resentment, and look upon them to proceed from the Zeal we have for our Rights, our Liberties, and our Religion. Look upon us as a People, who have groan'd under the Burthen of excessive Taxes, and the Tyranny of Mismanagement: As a People upon the very Point of being Sav'd, or Ruin'd; of being made Happy by a Lasting Peace, or miserable by an Eternal War. This, this, *MADAM*, is the Sense of the whole Nation in General, and of all Parties and People that have any Honesty remaining.

Had the Y---o been Modest when they were Discarded, Your Majesty might have Forgive, if not Forgot, their Crimes: But none can Forgive, none can Forget the

Steps they are now Taking. The Lords, the Commons, the Rich, the Poor, the Trader, and the Peasant will call out for Vengeance on the Heads of those who Vote for our Destruction; who insist on such Terms as are impossible to be ever gain'd, on the Conquering Kingdoms that are never to be overcome.

O Unfortunate Albion! Hast thou not suffer'd enough already by the Ambition and the Avarice of some, or the Treachery of others? Hast thou not been enough Impos'd upon by thy Allies, and Enslav'd by thy own Subjects? Have not thy Best Friends been tax'd with P---y, by those whose Doctrine and Religion are so near ally'd to it? By those, who, had not Providence prevented their Intentions, had Conspired very lately the Destruction of the Great Redresser of thy Grievances, and the Counsellor of thy Peace; and who has more than once escaped them by the same Providence?

Tis with more than ordinary Concern we represent these Things to Your Majesty, not doubting Your Resolutions to prosecute Your Good Designs for the Common Cause, notwithstanding the Remonstrances of some Allies, as Your Majesty did formerly, against the Attempts of others, who interpos'd them;

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themselves in Your Family Affairs. And
'tis with more than ordinary Concern, we
Beseech Your Majesty to take especial Care
for the Preservation of Your Sacred Person :
We have a Party among us who have openly
profess'd Rebellion, who have wrote, who have
Printed, who have publish'd: *They are yet strong e-
nough to exchange a Ball with Your Majesty's Loyal
Subjects;* and who have avow'd the Writing,
the Printing, the Publication of the same,
in their Actions, their Principles, and their
Discourse. This is a sort of Language the
Throne has been disus'd to, ever since the
Beginning of that Unnatural Rebellion, that
concluded in the Destruction of both Church
and State, and the Murder of Your Royal
Good f---r, and if suffer'd to pass with
the same Impunity at present, may conclude
in the same Catastrophe. All that we have
to Hope, is, from the Loyalty of our Legi-
slature, who, as they have past a late Act
for the better Security of the Church, so we
have no reason to question their Concur-
rence in the Suppressing those Seminaries,
those Nurseries of Schism that poison the
Principles of our Youth, and are now Sup-
ported without Law.

These are the Desires, and these the Gri-
evances of Your Majesty's Loyal Subjects;
And we do not Doubt, but to see the Time,

when all these things shall be redressed, we shall Approach Your Majesty without Grievance, and without Complaint; when we shall Enjoy all the Happiness and Content a Prince can give, or a Subject is capable of receiving. We hope, and that very quickly too, to see a Good, a Lasting, and an Honourable Peace: To see the Time, when Faction shall be totally suppress'd, and the Church establish'd in Reality; when Loyal Principles and Tenets shall Rise upon the Downfal of Schism and Infidelity; when our Taxes shall give no more Occasion for Embezzlement, and our Landed Interest shall Flourish, together with our Trade: In short, when our Nation shall become Rich, and Your People Happy.

But if it please G O D, we cannot obtain such Terms as these, such as are requisite for our Security, may we continue the War with Vigour and Alacrity, but with a Prudent Management of our Treasure; may our Quota, if Your Majesty thinks fit, be Equal, but not Superior to our Neighbours, and our Expences proportionable to the Advantages that we are likely to acquire.

But whether Peace or War be our Lot, we entirely resign our selves to the Will and Pleasure of Your Majesty, and shall always

ways pay that Submission and Obedience we
are oblig'd by the Laws of God to pay to
those who derive their Authority from him:
And we beg Leave to Assure Your Majesty,
we'll Stand by You, in our Lives and For-
tunes, as well against the unparallel'd At-
tempts of a Faction at Home, as Your Ene-
mies Abroad; and may Your Majesty's
Reign be as Prosperous, as we Hope it will
be Long over us.

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A little communication with Osgood will
be profitable. I saw O. G. to day to
see details about A. J. and a young man
who traverse for Abbott & Cost. M. J. F. A.
and you are in our offices and there
as well during the month of April. At
the Hospital of the Poor as Your Eng-
agement; and when your Society's
meeting is held at the Hotel Metropoli-
tan Hotel in New York.



R. V. I. F.

